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"Conflict, Morality, and Democracy"

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Robert Adams is a professor of philosophy specializing in metaphysics, religion and morality. He taught for many years at the University of California-Los Angeles before moving to Yale University in the early 1990s, where he chaired the department. He is now a visiting professor at Oxford University, where he is a fellow of Mansfield College.

Adams's work has focused largely on theological responses to the problem of evil in religious philosophy. As a historical scholar, Adams has focused on the work of Søren Kierkegaard and is a respected Leibniz scholar.

Adams's books include *The Virtue of Faith* (Oxford, 1987), *Leibniz: Determinist, Theist, Idealist* (Oxford, 1994), and *Finite and Infinite Goods* (Oxford, 1999).

His most important articles include "Theories of Actuality" (*Noûs* 1974), "Motive Utilitarianism" (*Journal of Philosophy*, 1976), "Primitive Thisness and Primitive Identity" (*Journal of Philosophy*, 1979), "Actualism and Thisness" (*Synthese*, 1983), "Time and Thisness" (*Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 1986), "Involuntary Sins" (*Philosophical Review*, 1985), "Divine Commands and the Social Nature of Obligation" (*Faith and Philosophy*, 1987), "The Knight of Faith" (*Faith and Philosophy*, 1990), "Moral Faith" (*Journal of Philosophy*, 1995), and "Things in Themselves" (*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 1997).

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